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not consider it necessary to subsidize or control it again. If the position is so bad as to necessitate the Government selling firewood they will do so."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" There is no question of subsidizing because Government had made a profit of Rs. 30,000. Will the Government in the interests of the public take up the sale now?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Certainly; it involves a change in policy which the Government will have to consider."

Steps taken for the free flow of water under the Tungabhadra Project.

* 58 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action, if any, is proposed to be taken regarding the Tungabhadra Project so that when the waters flow in the canals they may be utilized for purposes of cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Steps are being taken to ensure that the water available is put to the best advantage. A special staff consisting of Revenue, Agricultural and Public Works Department Officers has been sanctioned for the purpose of localization of the ayacut under the low-level canal."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government perused and come to conclusions the reports of Mr. Raghavan who wrote the special report on the Tungabadra Project?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have not come to any conclusion on it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of consulting the people affected by this project before they come to the conclusion on the intricate points e.g., it is proposed to charge some rate called the inclusion fees; Will they also consider the desirability of consulting public opinion Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We shall certainly consult the hon. Members of the Legislature, Sir."

Representations to Ceylon by the Government of India.

* 59 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras were consulted on the various Bills affecting Indians in Ceylon before the Government of India made representations to Ceylon; and

(*b*) whether they would place their views on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that South India is vitally interested will the Hon. Minister impress upon the Government of India the desirability of consulting this Government before taking any step? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have been moving whenever things have to be made clear."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Even without consultation have this Government written of their own accord to the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the resolution of the Legislative Assembly has been brought to the notice of the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes. It has been duly communicated to the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Council be given an opportunity to discuss this resolution? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is open to the hon. Member to table a motion, Sir."

Economic development of Rayalaseema.

* 60 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Development Commissioner for the Ceded districts has submitted his report;

(b) what the Commissioner's main recommendations are; and

(c) when the Government hope to give effect to his recommendations?

THE HON. SRI SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A Development Commissioner was appointed to prepare a co-ordinated plan for the economic development of Rayalaseema and he has submitted his report.

" (b) & (c) The recommendations are under the consideration of Government and will be published along with the Government's decisions."

Payment of dearness allowance by local bodies, etc.

* 61 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to ensure payment of dearness allowance at rates allowed to Government servants in educational institutions maintained by (a) local bodies and (b) aided managements?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " In the case of elementary schools under local bodies, the Government have undertaken to sanction a subsidy towards the deficit arising out of the expenditure on dearness